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SUBJECT : PL 480, TITLE I VEGETABLE OIL

1. THE TWO BDG AGENCIES THAT IMPORT SOYBEAN OIL, BOTH CRUDE IN BULK AND FULLY REFINED IN DRUMS, HAVE ASKED, BASED ON DECLINING US SOYBEAN OIL PRICES, IF THE USG WAS CONSIDERING THE ADDITION OF SOYBEAN OIL TO THE PL 480, TITLE I ELIGIBILITY LIST. THE ENQUIRERS ARE SHAMSUL HAQUE, JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES, AND DELWAR HOSSAIN, CHAIRMAN, BANGLADESH FOOD & ALLIED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION. IN VIEW OF SHORTAGE CRUDE SOYBEAN OIL AND EXTREME SHORTAGE IMPORTED RAPESEED, THEY WOULD, IF SOYBEAN OIL ELIGIBLE, URGE THEIR GOVERNMENT RENEW THE ORIGINAL BDG REQUEST FOR 40,000 MT EDIBLE OIL PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED FOR FY 1975 (THEY CLAIM EVEN GREATER IMPORT REQUIREMENT FOR FY 1976). ONLY 5,000 MT CRUDE SOYBEAN OIL PURCHASED AND ENROUTE. ADDITIONAL 9,000 MT UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THESE INQUIRIES, WHAT ARE CURRENT AND LONGER RANGE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF VEGETABLE OIL UNDER PL 480 - TITLE I?
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